

Senate Chamber, Friday, November 20, 1863
9 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Throckmorton presented the petition of J. Brown which was referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

The Committee on Confederate Relations reported a substitute for a joint resolution in relation to the Confederate States owning property for forts, dock yards, etc.

Mr. Montague introduced a bill to authorize the Military Board to dispose of a certain portion of Percussion Caps. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Guinn introduced a bill making owners of slaves responsible for property stolen, destroyed or otherwise injured by them. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Throckmorton introduced a bill to authorize the Comptroller to issue a duplicate ten per cent treasury warrant. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to prevent Sabbath breaking was read 2nd time. After several immaterial propositions to amend, the bill was postponed until tomorrow 11 o'clock A. M.

The Committee on Finance reported a joint resolution providing for the sale of Cloth made at the State Penitentiary. Read 1st time.

The following supplemental to and to amend the 1st and 4th Sections of an act appropriating \$20,000 for recovering the roofs of the Capitol, General Land Office, etc.

shall be fined upon conviction not less than five dollars and not more than ten dollars.

Sec. 5. Any person who may be engaged in the retail of liquors, distilled or fermented, dry goods or groceries or other articles of traffic except medicines and who keeps his doors open on the Sabbath and sells such articles shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than ten dollars for each offense to be recovered as aforesaid provided it shall be no offense for a merchant to sell for funeral purposes.

Sec. 6. Any person who may keep open on the Sabbath day any billiard saloon, nine or ten pin alleys, or any person who shall play at either of these games on the Sabbath shall be subject to the like penalty as is inflicted in Section 5th. for each game played.

Sec. 7 This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A joint resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to increase the wages of the non-commissioned officers in the Army and Navy of the Confederate States. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Confederate Relations.

A joint resolution in relation to the territories of New Mexico, Arizona, and Colorado. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A bill to raise one million dollars by sale of cotton bonds, etc. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Finance Committee.

A bill donating land to Texas soldiers was read 2nd time. Amendments of committee adopted. Several immaterial amendments having been proposed and Mr. Hartley offering a substitute for the whole measure, the Senate thereupon adjourned until 9½ o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Senate Chamber, Saturday, November 21, 1863
9½ o'clock A. M.

Senate met, prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

The Committee on Private Land Claims reported a bill for relief of Carey Watson recommending its passage.

The Committee on Claims and Accounts recommended the passage of a bill to authorize the Comptroller to issue a duplicate ten per cent Treasury warrant and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the Memorial of James G. Rogers.

Mr. Guinn introduced the following bills:

A bill to incorporate the Waco Manufacturing Company was read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A bill supplementary to and amendatory of an act to establish a Penal Code. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

The Committee on State Affairs reported a substitute for a bill to provide for the support of families of Texan Soldiers. Also recommended the passage of a bill on the subject of sequestered property of alien enemies.

The following bill was announced from the House: "To